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MINUTES

OF THE

SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

AT THEIR

SESSIONS, AT BETHESDA CHURCH,

YORK DISTRICT, S. C.

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WITH

AN APPENDIX.

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OF SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

FIRST SESSION.

OCTOBER 12, 1848. }

Thursday, 11 o'clock, A. M. }

THE SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA met, according to adjournment, on Thursday, Oct. 12th, 1848, at 11 o'clock, A. M., at Bethesda Church, York District, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. E. T. Buist, from Psalms 87, 2d and 3d v.—“The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.”

Constituted with prayer.

PRESENT.

From the Presbytery of South Carolina.

Ministers.—Joseph Hillhouse, E. T. Buist, W. H. Davis, J. F. Gibert, W. McWhorter, D. McNeil Turner, S. S. Gaillard, J. McLees, J. C. Williams, J. B. Hillhouse.

Ruling Elders.—James Brownlee, Greenville; Dr. A. Walker, Providence and Rocky River; A. G. Campbell, Spartanburg; W. B. Sadler, Goodhope; Col. S. N. Evins, Nazareth; Alexander Thompson, Fairview.

From the Presbytery of Bethel.

Ministers.—S. L. Watson, P. E. Bishop, W. Banks, F. Jacobs. J. R. Baird, J. H. Saye, J. R. Gilland, J. M. Anderson, W. B. Davies, D. J. Auld.

Ruling Elders.—Alexander Crawford, Fishing Creek; John Gunthorp, Catholic and Pleasant Grove; J. J. Wilson, Bethel; Eli Meek, Beersheba; Henry Moore, Concord; E. A. Crenshaw, Yorkville; James Moore, Bethesda; R. G. Davidson, Salem; William Perry, Unionville; Isaac McFadden, Hopewell.

From the Presbytery of Harmony.

Ministers.—P. Pierson, J. Brown, D. McQueen, S. Donnelly, M. D. Fraser, G. C. Gregg, J. J. DuBose, E. Cater, J. A. Wallace, W. W. Wilson.

Ruling Elders.—David Milling, Lebanon and Salem (Little River); James Johnson, Mount Olivet; J. Bookman, Horeb; Samuel Spence, Beaver Creek.

From the Presbytery of Charleston.

Ministers.—G. Howe, D. D., T. Smyth, D. D., J. B. Adger, B. M. Palmer, S. H. Hay, J. Douglas, W. L. Hughes.

Ruling Elders.—None.

ABSENT.

Presbytery of South Carolina.—Hugh Dickson, A. W. Ross, W. Carlile, J. S. Kennedy, P. H. Folker, S. B. Lewers, C. B. Stewart, D. Humphreys, John McKittrick, T. L. McBride, Z. L. Holmes, E. F. Hyde, John Boggs.

Presbytery of Bethel.—R. B. Walker, L. W. Curtis, W. P. Harrison.

Presbytery of Harmony.—J. Harrington, J. C. McFarland, A. Buie, S. S. Davis, D. D., T. R. English, W. M. Reid, J. L. Wilson, W. Brearley, A. G. Peden, J. C. Coit, J. P. McPherson, G. C. Logan, D. Frierson.

Presbytery of Charleston.—A. W. Leland, D. D., J. H. Thornwell, D. D., R. C. Ketchum, Joseph Wallace, J. F. Lanneau, J. L. Merrick, R. Q. Way, E. Palmer, J. B. Dunwody, A. A. Porter.

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED.

Presbytery of South Carolina.—Richland, Little River, Hopewell, Fairview, Gilder's Creek, Rock church, Long Cane, Little Mountain, Lebanon, Liberty Spring, Willington, Duncan's Creek, Laurens C. H., Bethany, Warrior's Creek, Rocky Spring, Hopewell, (Keowee) Nazareth, (Beaverdam) Anderson C. H., Broadaway, Midway, Carmel, Bethel, Mount Tabor, Friendship, Varennes, Antioch, New Harmony, Mount Zion, Avaleigh, Smyrna, North Pacolet, Roberts, Bethesda.

Presbytery of Bethel.—Ebenezer, Unity, Bullock's Creek, Purity, Fairforest, Cane Creek, Cedar Shoals, Waxhaw, Lancasterville, Six Mile Creek, Shiloh.

Presbytery of Harmony.—Winnsboro', Aimwell, Camden, Darlington, Bishopville, Mount Zion, Williamsburg, Midway, Sumterville, Concord, Hopewell, Cheraw, Brewington, Harmony, Salem,

(Black River) Indiantown, Great Pedee, Little Pedee, Reedy Creek, Pine Tree.

Presbytery of Charleston.—2d Church, Charleston; Glebe st., Charleston; 1st Church, Columbia, Walterboro, Beech Island, Boiling Springs, Hamburg, Graniteville, John's Island.

The roll being completed, Rev. Joseph Brown was chosen Moderator; upon his taking the chair, the reading of the rules was, by motion, dispensed with. Rev. B. M. Palmer was appointed Temporary Clerk; after which, Synod took recess for one hour.

SECOND SESSION.

AFTERNOON, Half-past 2 o'clock.

Synod met. The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees:

Bills and Overtures.—G. Howe, D. D., D. M. Turner, D. McQueen, W. Banks, with Elders, A. G. Campbell, Alexander Crawford and H. Moore.

Judicial Committee.—D. J. Auld, W. B. Davies, with Elders Isaac McFadden and Eli Meek.

Financial Committee.—E. T. Buist, S. L. Watson, with Elder Samuel Spence.

On the Narrative.—J. A. Wallace, S. Donnelly, with Elder J. Johnson.

On Minutes of Assembly.—M. D. Fraser, J. Douglas, with Elder James Moore.

On Religious Exercises.—P. E. Bishop, J. R. Gilland, with Elder Dr. A. Walker.

Records of South Carolina Presbytery.—E. Cater, J. R. Gilland, with Elder E. A. Crenshaw.

Records of Bethel Presbytery.—J. C. Williams, J. B. Adger, Elder J. Brownlee.

Records of Harmony Presbytery.—S. H. Hay, W. McWhorter, Elder J. J. Wilson.

Records of Charleston Presbytery.—G. C. Gregg, J. F. Gibert, Elder Samuel Spence.

Upon motion, the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting of Synod was dispensed with, but printed copies of the Minutes were distributed among the members. Absentees from the last meeting

who were now present, rendered severally their excuses, which were sustained. In connexion with this item of business, the following minute was adopted.

“Whereas, the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church plainly contemplates the presence in our Presbyteries and Synods, not only of the Ministers, but also of Ruling Elders, representing all the Churches within the same; and whereas this Synod, at its meeting in Charleston, in 1846, did specially enact that Churches not so represented, should be “regularly registered in the Minutes as absent, precisely as in the case of Ministers,” with the evident design of bringing both to an equal account—this Synod would call the attention of Sessions of Churches to the very general neglect among us, both of constitutional rule and special law, on this subject. In examining the roll of the last Synod held at Columbia, it appears that of the 95 Churches of this Synod, only 23 were represented at that meeting. The relative attendance from the different Presbyteries was as follows:

From the Presbytery of South Carolina, only 9 of its 40 Churches were represented; from the Presbytery of Bethel only 3 of its 22 Churches; from the Presbytery of Harmony only 8 of its 25 Churches; from the Presbytery of Charleston, within whose bound the Synod was sitting, only 3 of its 8 Churches; and that of the 72 Churches in all registered as absent, only one has rendered its excuse as directed. The Synod trusts that this simple statement of facts will speak more loudly to delinquent Sessions than either remonstrance or appeal, and the Synod accompanies the same with its solemn injunction, that all Sessions not represented at any meeting of Synod shall formally, as Sessions, render their reasons, either at the same or the following meeting.”

A letter was read from Rev. D. Humphreys, assigning the illness of his family as the reason of his absence from the present Sessions of Synod; whereupon, the following resolution was submitted and adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod, in accepting the excuse of brother Humphreys, would express their sincere sympathy with him in his severe afflictions, and their fervent hope and prayer that the Lord will sustain him under this trial of faith and patience and sanctify it to the great good of himself and family.

A letter was also read from Rev. S. S. Davis, D. D., assigning reasons for his absence, and inviting the Synod to hold its next meeting in the town of Camden. His reasons were sustained, and the petition was put upon the docket. Reasons for absence were also

given in behalf of Rev. J. C. Coit, and of Ruling Elders appointed to represent the Sessions of the following Churches, viz: Long Cane, Liberty Spring, Willington, Salem, (Black River,) Williamsburg, Fairforest, Winnsboro', Purity and Columbia, which were all sustained.

Rev. John C. Rankin, of the Synod of Northern India; and Rev. L. McDonald, of the Associate Reformed Church, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Letters were read from Rev. C. C. Jones, D. D., giving notice of his acceptance of the Professorship in the Theological Seminary, to which he was chosen at the last meeting; and from Rev. A. A. Porter, giving an account of his visit to the Synod of Alabama, on behalf of the Seminary.

It was made the Special Order for to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, to receive the Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary; at 10 o'clock, to receive the Report of the Synodical Committee of Education; at half-past 10 o'clock, to receive the Report of the Trustees of Oglethorpe University; and for Saturday morning, at half-past 9 o'clock, to receive the Report of the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported a scheme, providing for public preaching three times every day: at 11 in the morning, at half-past 2 in the afternoon, and at early candle-light; and recommending that Synod recede from business at those hours to attend upon the preaching. The report was adopted, and its provisions are as follows.

Thursday night, sermon by Rev. S. H. Hay;

Friday morning, " " Rev. M. D. Fraser;

Friday afternoon, " " Rev. J. A. Wallace;

Friday night, " " Rev. J. McLees;

Saturday morning, " " Rev. T. Smyth, D. D.

Saturday afternoon, Missionary sermon by Rev. J. B. Adger;

Saturday night, religious exercises of Synod, as follows.

Reading the Scriptures and Hymn, by the Moderator;

Prayer, by Rev. D. J. Auld; Address, by Rev. D. M.

Turner; Prayer, by Rev. J. Donnelly; Hymn, Prayer,

and Benediction, by Rev. Dr. Howe;

Sabbath morning, sermon, by the Moderator;

Sabbath afternoon, Missionary address, by Rev. J. C. Rankin;

Sabbath night, sermon by Rev. B. M. Palmer.

Synod then adjourned, to meet to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Closed with prayer.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, Oct. 13, 1848, }
 9 o'clock, A. M. }

Synod met and was opened with prayer. After calling the roll and reading the minutes of yesterday, the Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was read, together with a letter from a Committee of the Synod of Alabama, addressed conjointly to the Board and to the Synod, relating to the Seminary, and also certain resolutions of the Board, founded upon that communication. All those papers, together with the letter of Rev. A. A. Porter, read on yesterday, were referred to a select Committee, consisting of Edwin Cater, E. T. Buist, J. B. Adger, Ministers, and James Johnson and David Milling, Elders.

Nominations were made for Directors of the Seminary, and the election made the order for to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

The second special order was taken up, and the Report of the Synodical Committee of Education was read and referred to a select Committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. E. T. Buist and G. C. Gregg, with J. Bookman, Elder.

The third special order was taken up, and the last year's report of the Trustees of Oglethorpe University was read, together with a communication from Rev. S. J. Talmage, D. D. President of the University, which were referred to a select Committee, consisting of S. Donnelly, T. Smyth, D. D., D. J. Auld, J. F. Gibert, Ministers, and S. Spence and James Brownlee, Elders.

Nominations were made for Trustees of Oglethorpe University, and the election made the order for to-morrow morning, immediately after the election of Directors of the Seminary.

The special Committee appointed to confer with the Synod of Georgia, with a view to ascertain definitely the nature and extent of the claims set forth by them, under certain contingencies, to a portion of the funds of the Theological Seminary, stated that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and presented the following minute, adopted by the Synod of Georgia, on this subject.

"The Synod of Georgia, by resolutions adopted in Milledgeville, with sufficient distinctness expressed their "sincere desire that the Seminary at Columbia continue undisturbed, in any way, in its present happy organization, and their solemn disavowal of any intention now, or at any future day, to organize a Theol ogal Semi-

nary, School, or Professorship;" and they would explain their assertion in the same paper, of their "equal" and joint interest with the Synod of South Carolina, in certain other specified funds remaining after the withdrawal of the Georgia Professorship, (should such withdrawal ever take place,) to mean not a right and interest, to be used for the dissolution of the Seminary; but that if, in the course of time, by any contingency arising, the Seminary should be dissolved, then all the permanent funds obtained in Georgia by donations or legacies, shall revert to the Synod of Georgia, and all the permanent funds obtained in South Carolina, shall, in like manner, revert to the Synod of South Carolina; and all the funds obtained out of these two States shall be divided equally between the two Synods."

The report was accepted, and, on motion, the explanation given above by the Synod of Georgia, was considered satisfactory.

Synod then recessed from business to attend upon public preaching. After sermon Synod was called to order, and proceeded to determine the time and place of the next annual meeting; when it was resolved that it be held in the town of Camden, at the Presbyterian Church, on the Thursday before the third Sabbath in November, 1849, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The following resolution of the Presbytery of Harmony was presented as an overture by the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

"Resolved, That this Presbytery, regarding it as a religious and commanded duty to make some competent provision for the permanent support of the widows and orphans of our deceased ministerial brethren, do most earnestly and affectionately urge upon the Synod the propriety of taking immediate and efficient measures for the establishment of a fund for this pious and benevolent purpose."

Which was put on the docket as Overture No. 1.

The Committee on the Records of Harmony Presbytery reported that the book had not been put into their hands; and requested to be discharged, which request was granted.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to confer with Rev. John S. Wilson, in reference to the History of the Church, reported that they had written to him, but had received no reply.

On motion, a Committee consisting of J. H. Saye, G. Howe, D. D., J. Douglas, J. B. Hillhouse, and M. D. Fraser, was appointed to take into consideration the whole subject of preparing a History of the Church within our bounds, and to report at the next meeting of Synod.

FOURTH SESSION.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The special Committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod, to bring in a report on the instruction of the colored people, not being ready to report, in consequence of the absence of the Chairman, was continued.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbyteries of South Carolina, Bethel, and Charleston, reported severally, recommending their approval—which reports were adopted.

Rev. J. C. Williams made application for leave of absence, because of indisposition; and also for Mr. James Brownlee: leave was granted.

Overture No. 1 was taken up from the docket, and, after some discussion, was committed to a special Committee, consisting of E. Cater, T. Smyth, D. D., Ministers, with D. Milling, Elder.

The special order for 4 o'clock, P. M. was taken up, when Narratives and Statistical Reports were read from the Presbyteries. The Narratives were referred to the Committee on Narratives: the Statistical Reports are as follows.

The Presbytery of South Carolina report that they consist of twenty-two Ministers, and have under their care forty-three churches, one licentiate and two candidates; that they have installed the Rev. John McLees Pastor of Rock Church; that they have dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. E. F. Hyde and the churches of Aveleigh, Smyrna, and Gilder's Creek; and the pastoral relation between the Rev. Z. L. Holmes and Nazareth Church; and the pastoral relation between Rev. John McKittrick and Fairview Church; that the Rev. John Boggs has been removed by death; that they have ordained Mr. Joseph B. Hillhouse to the "holy office of the Gospel Ministry;" that they have licensed Mr. Robert H. Reid to preach the Gospel; that they have received Mr. Isaac Newton Cowan, as a candidate under their care; and that they have received one new church, viz: at Greenville C. H. under their care.

The Presbytery of Bethel report that they consist of thirteen Ministers, and have under their care five candidates and twenty-two churches. Of their Ministers, one is superannuated, and three reside beyond their bounds, six are pastors, four are stated

supplies, three are without charge, and one is a Professor in Oglethorpe University. They have constituted the Pastoral relation between the Rev. William Banks and the new church of Pleasant Grove; have ordained J. M. Anderson, and installed him over the church of Ebenezer; have received Rev. D. J. Auld from the Presbytery of Harmony, and installed him Pastor of the church of Purity; and have dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. J. R. Gilland and the united congregations of Fishing Creek and Cedar Shoal.

The Presbytery of Harmony report that they consist of twenty-two Ministers, and have under their care two candidates for the ministry, and twenty-four churches; that they have ordained and installed W. W. Wilson Pastor over the church of Bishopville; that they have dissolved the pastoral relation of Rev. D. J. Auld with the Brewington Church, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Bethel; that Rev. G. C. Logan has departed this life; and that they have dismissed Rev. A. G. Peden, to join the Presbytery of Flint River.

The Presbytery of Charleston report that they consist of nine churches and fourteen Ministers, and have under their care four licentiates and two candidates for the ministry. They have taken under their care, from the Presbytery of Troy, Mr. Elnathan G. Walker, candidate for the ministry; they have dismissed Rev. R. C. Ketchum, to join the Presbytery of Hopewell, and Rev. J. F. Lanneau, to join the Presbytery of Cherokee; and have dropped from their roll the name of Rev. R. Q. Way, Foreign Missionary in China—the last Assembly having sent him off, with others, to form the Presbytery of Ningpo; they have also dismissed Mr. Robert Logan, licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Orange. They have organized a Church at Graniteville, consisting of eleven members, and have withdrawn the license of William Thomas Catto, licensed with a view to missionary labor in Africa; they have also licensed, as Probationers of the Gospel Ministry, Mr. Lafayette Girardeau, Mr. Arnold W. Miller, Mr. Edward P. Palmer, and Mr. Elnathan G. Walker.

A motion was made to separate the Churches and Ministers of Fairfield District from the Presbytery of Harmony, and to annex the same to the Presbytery of Bethel. The consideration of this motion was made the special order for to-morrow morning, immediately after the first special order, viz: the Report on Foreign Missions.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported as follows.

"Among a series of resolutions adopted by the Assembly, in relation to the cause of Education, the Committee would call the attention of Synod to resolution recorded on page 53, and which reads as follows.

"Resolved, That it be enjoined upon each Synod to appoint a Synodical Agent in behalf of the cause of Education, whose duty it shall be to confer with similar Presbyterial Agents, and co-operate with the Board in having this important cause more fully presented to all our churches. The Committee recommend that this Synod approve the recommendation of the Assembly, and that at their present sessions they appoint some one of their number to be such agent as is here contemplated."

The report was accepted, and the recommendation of the Committee laid upon the table for the present, to be considered in connection with the report of the Committee of Education.

Synod then adjourned, with prayer, until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, October 14, 1848, }
9 o'clock, A. M. }

Synod met, and was opened with prayer. Upon calling the roll, Mr. George Agnew, representing the session of Bulloch's Creek Church, and Mr. B. S. Massey, representing the session of Waxhaw Church, appeared in Synod, and assigned reasons for tardiness, which were sustained.

The first special order was taken up, viz: the election of Directors of the Theological Seminary, and of Trustees of Oglethorpe University, which resulted as follows.

For Directors of the Seminary.—Ministers, M. D. Fraser, J. R. Gilland, E. T. Buist, D. Humphreys; Laymen, J. D. Witherspoon, William Adger, J. A. Crawford.

For Trustees of Oglethorpe.—Ministers, M. D. Fraser, J. Douglas, D. M. Turner, J. F. Gibert; Laymen, J. Gillad, and S. Clarke.

The Committee on Finance presented, as their report, the following assessment upon the Presbyteries, to pay for printing the minutes of the Synod, for 1847.

Presbytery of South Carolina.....	\$18 00
Presbytery of Bethel.....	13 00
Presbytery of Harmony.....	18 00
Presbytery of Charleston.....	16 00

In all \$65, which report was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Synodical Committee of Education, offered the following report, which was laid upon the table for the present.

“The Committee to whom was referred the report on Education, find nothing requiring special attention, except the distressing fact that for two successive years the Synodical Committee have been compelled to borrow funds to meet necessary expenses, and that the debt of the last year is greater than the preceding; and this evil has continued, notwithstanding both Synod and the Committee have acted in the premises. This is a matter deeply to be regretted, and the Committee can discover nothing preferable to the plan already adopted; and therefore proposes that it be recommended to the Ministers and Churches under our care to preach a sermon and take up a collection, on the first Sabbath in March next, or on some other convenient occasion.”

The second special order was taken up, and the Report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions was read, and, together with the account of the Treasurer, was referred to a select Committee, consisting of D. M. Turner, F. Jacobs, J. J. Du Bose, Ministers, with Adam Walker, Elder.

Synod then recessed from business to hear a Sermon; after which, took recess till 2 o'clock, P. M.

SIXTH SESSION.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met. The question was taken up of separating the District of Fairfield, with its Churches and Ministers, from the Presbytery of Harmony, and to annex the same to the Presbytery of Bethel; which matter was referred to a select committee, consisting of J. Douglas, M. D. Fraser, J. R. Gilland, G. C. Gregg, with Elder, James Johnson.

Rev. W. W. Wilson, with Elders Samuel Spence, and Alexander Thompson, made application for leave of absence; which was granted.

Synod recessed from business to attend upon Preaching; after which, came to order.

The Committee to whom was referred the overture respecting the creation of a fund for the widows and orphans of deceased ministers, presented a report, which was recommitted to the same committee with instructions to report in full at the next meeting of Synod.

The special committee appointed to report on the propriety of annexing the District of Fairfield to Bethel Presbytery, reported, recommending that it be so annexed. The whole subject was postponed till the next meeting of Synod.

Rev. S. S. Gaillard, and Rev. G. C. Gregg, together with Elders D. Milling and Henry Moore, made application for leave of absence; which was granted.

Synod took recess till 7 o'clock.

SEVENTH SESSION.

7 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and spent the evening in devotional exercises, according to the scheme previously reported.

Adjourned with Prayer, until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

EIGHTH SESSION.

MONDAY, Oct. 16, 1848. }
9 o'clock, A. M. }

Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with Prayer. The roll was called, and the Minutes of Saturday were read.

A motion prevailed to reconsider the vote passed on Saturday, postponing till the next meeting of Synod, the question of annexing the Churches and Ministers in Fairfield District to Bethel Presbytery. The following substitute was proposed.

Resolved, That the Churches of Concord and Mount Olivet, in Fairfield District, be annexed to Bethel Presbytery.

On motion, the whole subject was finally deferred till the next meeting of Synod, and an order was directed to be sent to all the Churches in that district to send up a definite expression of their wishes in the matter.

The Committee on the Narrative presented the following Narrative of the State of Religion, which was adopted:

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION, IN THE BOUNDS
OF THE SYNOD OF S. C. 1847-'8.

The Committee appointed to prepare a narrative of the state of religion in our Bounds, report: That from the reports of our Presbyteries, there is much to depress, and also some things to make glad, the hearts of the people of God. On the one hand, we are called to mourn over a spirit of worldly-mindedness, which has to a lamentable extent, taken possession, both of the church and the world. Our Ministers, in too many instances, from an inadequate support, have been compelled to relinquish, in part, their covenant work, and engage in secular pursuits, while our people have suffered their minds to be drawn away from eternal and invisible things, by political agitations, and enterprises for the accumulation of the gold that perisheth. Family religion is greatly neglected; the altar has not been set up, to burn with the morning and evening sacrifice; and the baptized children of the church are not trained up in the good old ways of truth and righteousness. And though many come up to the house of God on the Sabbath, they do not exhibit that spirit of prayerfulness and zeal, which should ever characterize the people of the Most High.

But while we thus make confession of our great and manifold short comings, we at the same time rejoice that the great and adorable Head of the Church, is giving us indications of his gracious presence with us. In different parts of our Zion, he has given us evidence that he has not cast us away from his presence, nor taken his Holy Spirit from us. The Presbytery of South Carolina reports a more favorable state of things, than during the last year. Some of their Churches have enjoyed precious seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. And it is matter of unfeigned thankfulness, that their Presbyterial High Schools, at Greenwood, have richly enjoyed these merciful visitations. Thus, in less than one year from the foundation of these Institutions, the Lord has set the seal of his approbation on the system of Denominational Education. We are hereby greatly encouraged to persevere in the plan of combining Literary and Religious instruction, and of training our youth strictly in the doctrines and duties of our church.

In the Presbytery of Bethel, three churches have enjoyed the gracious outpourings of God's Spirit, and the Lord has added to them many "of such as shall be saved." Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes have been established, and attended with considerable interest. Four of these churches have organized Sabbath Schools

for the colored people, in which catechetical instruction is imparted to them.

In the Presbytery of Harmony there is much to cheer us. In addition to the churches enumerated last year, as enjoying the special visitations of God, we rejoice to say, a number are now receiving the rich effusions of the Divine Spirit. In nearly all the churches there is a marked interest, either in the white or colored population; and in a number, in both. In several churches this interest has only just commenced, and we indulge the hope, that this state is only the beginning of glorious things in our Zion. One of these churches reports 57 colored persons received as catechumens within the last six months, whose examinations on experimental religion give a comfortable hope of their having passed from death unto life. In this Presbytery efforts are making, with a good prospect of success, for the employment of a Missionary, who shall devote the whole of his time to the instruction of the colored population.

In the Presbytery of Charleston about one-third of the Ministers devote a large portion of their time and labor to the spiritual instruction of the colored population. Much attention is given to Sabbath Schools, where the young and rising generation are instructed in the great truths of revelation, and trained up in the fear and admonition of the Lord. This Presbytery also reports one new church edifice completed in the city of Charleston, another in course of erection, at Barnwell, and a new church organized at Graniteville.

Taking a summary view of the state of our beloved Zion, we find an increasing spirit of Christian benevolence among our people, and of devotion and self-sacrifice among our Ministers. The repeated calls to cast into the treasury of the Lord, have, in most instances, been promptly and cordially met, by those whom God has made stewards of the treasures of this world. Knowledge has been diffused among the people, by means of the colportage system, and the establishment of Congregational and Sabbath School Libraries. In Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes the children and youth have been taught the unsearchable riches of Christ, as far as could reasonably be expected in the scattered state of our country congregations. In all our Presbyteries there is a growing interest in the religious instruction of the colored people, both in the sanctuary and at their homes; and from the remarkable success attending these efforts, it may with truth be said, that Ethiopia hath already stretched forth her hands unto the Lord, and the children of Ham have been adopted as the children of the Most High.

And while we drop the tear of unfeigned sorrow at the remembrance of two of our beloved fellow laborers, whom the Lord hath taken from their toils and sufferings on earth, to their glorious reward in heaven, we record, with devout gratitude, the manifold mercies, of which we have been the unworthy recipients. And trusting, with implicit confidence, in the truth and faithfulness of Him who has promised to build up the throne of David to all generations; we look forward to the near approach of that period, when the gospel shall have free course and be glorified among the people; and when the shout shall go forth from every nation under heaven, Alleluia, the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth."

The special committee to whom was referred the Report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, reported that they had examined the same, and recommended its adoption by Synod, with the following resolutions appended :

"1. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Synod be given to Mr. James Adger, Treasurer, for his continued and most valuable services, with the request that he will continue to act as Treasurer, and that the Treasurer's report be published in connexion with the Minutes of Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That Messrs. John Robinson and William C. Dukes, be requested to act as Auditing Committee, and that the Rev. Messrs. Smyth, Adger, Porter and Douglas, be appointed the Committee on Foreign Missions for the ensuing year.

3. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions be authorized to procure the publication of a sufficient number of the copies of their report, separate from the Minutes of Synod, for general distribution among the churches.

4. *Resolved*, That the Presbyteries be, and are hereby. enjoined to appoint from among themselves suitable persons to visit vacant churches, for the purposes of presenting before them the claims of this great cause of Christian benevolence, and likewise to institute enquiries respecting the manner in which all the churches under their care have performed their duty in reference to this noble enterprise of evangelizing the world.

5. *Resolved*, That in view of the lamentable failure on the part of the church generally to do her duty in the premises, and under the conviction that individual responsibility is not sufficiently realized, it be enjoined on all the Ministers in connexion with this Synod. to present the subject of systematic benevolence to the churches under their care, and to recommend the adoption of a plan similar to that

which prevails in the Free Church of Scotland, and by which such glorious results have been achieved." This report, together with the resolutions, was adopted.

The report of the Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Synodical Committee of Education, and the suggestion of the Committee on the Minutes of the Assembly, were taken up conjointly.—It was resolved that the reports of these Committees be adopted, and that the same persons be re-appointed the Standing Committee of Education for the ensuing year, and that the Chairman of that Committee be the Agent of Synod on the subject of Education, as required by the action of the last General Assembly.

The Select Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, offered their report, which was amended and adopted, and is as follows:

"The Committee to whom the Report of the Board of Directors was committed, beg leave to report, that they have patiently investigated the same, and call attention to the following items, viz: the Financial Report, the appointment of Delegates to the Synod of Alabama, the basis upon which that Synod may be associated with the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia in the management of the Seminary, which we present in the above order.

1. The financial part of the Report. Inasmuch as the Committee are not acquainted with the fiscal operations of the Board of Directors, nor with their mode of making their exhibit of the state of the funds of the Seminary, and are at such a distance from the books and papers of the Board, that they cannot understand the Report as presented, they recommend that the Report be referred back to the Board with the request that it be so prepared that the Members of Synod may form a clear conception of the financial condition of the Seminary.

2. The appointment of Delegates to the Synod of Alabama. The Committee believe that such a Committee would conduce to the prosperity of the Institution, and recommend that Dr. Jones be appointed Principal, and Dr. Howe, Alternate Delegate, to carry out the propositions of the Board.

3. That the Synod respectfully suggest to the Synod of Alabama for their consideration some one of the following objects, viz: to endow a fourth Professorship, or to raise a fund for the enlargement and improvement of the present buildings, or for erecting new ones, or for establishing a charitable foundation for the support of indigent young men from their own bounds, or for increasing the libra-

ry. It being understood that all monies raised in their bounds, or by their agency, be under the control and applied according to the direction of their Synod. And should they undertake and succeed in raising the sum, say of \$25,000, for any of those objects above specified, then and in that case they shall have a right to an equal voice in electing the Professors of the Seminary with the other Synods now associated in its support and management.

4. The Committee recommend also that the time of annual meeting of the Board be changed from October to July."

The stated Clerk was directed to communicate to the Synod of Georgia the resolutions concerning the co-operation of the Synod of Alabama, in the support of the Seminary; together with such other items, passed upon by Synod during its present Sessions, in which that Synod may have a joint interest.

The Committee to whom were referred the last year's report of the Trustees of Oglethorpe University, and also the communication from the President, Rev. S. K. Talmage, D. D., reported as follows:

"1. *Resolved*, That this Synod confirm the election of the Rev. R. C. Smith, the Alabama Professor, to the Chair of Moral and Mental Philosophy.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod concur in the recommendation of the Board of Trustees, to extend to the Synod of Alabama the privilege of being equally represented with ourselves in the government of the University; and we do hereby appoint Rev. F. Jacobs to act with such Committee as the Synod of Georgia may appoint, in the case, in obtaining from the Legislature of Georgia the necessary alteration of the charter.

3. *Resolved*, That Synod rejoice to learn that through the generous propositions of the creditors of this Institution, its indebtedness is reduced to a very insignificant sum, and will in all likelihood soon be extinguished by the active exertions of the General Agent.

4. *Resolved*, That the continued evidences of the divine favor towards this Institution, in pouring out his spirit upon the students from time to time, should call forth our warmest gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, and should stimulate us in our efforts to build it up, and that they offer the families of our Church great ground of confidence in sending their sons thither for their Collegiate Education.

5. *Resolved*, That this Synod, feeling an undiminished solicitude for the completion of the South Carolina Endowment in the University, and having learned that not quite one half the requisite amount has yet been raised, would respectfully, yet earnestly urge upon the

Board, or their Agent, to take such measures as may, as speedily as possible, effect the consummation of the object.

6. *Resolved*, That until such time as the Board have secured the full endowment of the South Carolina Professorship, they be requested, according to the understanding at Pendleton, to appropriate to the South Carolina Professor, the tuition fees of the South Carolina Students, in addition to the other avails for that purpose, so far as may be necessary to make up his appointed salary; in the belief that this will act as an encouragement to parents to send their children to that Institution." This report was adopted.

The following resolution was presented and adopted.

Whereas the salary of the 3d Professor in the Theological Seminary has not been formally fixed,

Resolved, That it be rated at \$2,000 per annum, as in the case of the two other Professors.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That inasmuch as the Rev. D. McNeil Turner was appointed by the Presbytery of South Carolina, to prepare and to send down to the churches a pastoral letter upon the subject of a systematic plan in contributing to the various objects of benevolence approved by them, and suggesting methods by which all without inconvenience may do something, that Mr. Turner be requested to prepare this letter in the name of this Synod, and send it down to all our churches, either with the Missionary report, or separately, and the expense to be borne in the same way.

A vote of thanks was passed by the Synod to the Elders and Members of the Church and Congregation of Bethesda, for their very hospitable entertainment of the members of Synod; and the Pastor was requested to give notice of the same in such way as he may deem best.

Synod then adjourned, with singing and prayer, and the Apostolic benediction, to meet in the Presbyterian Church of the town of Camden, on the Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in November, 1849, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

J. BROWN, *Moderator*.

B. M. PALMER, *Clerk*.

APPENDIX.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE SYNODS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

OFFICERS.

G. T. SNOWDEN, *President*.
Rev. S. DONNELLY, *Vice President*.
Rev. B. M. PALMER, *Secretary*.
WILLIAM LAW, (Columbia,) *Treasurer*.

DIRECTORS FOR THREE YEARS.

Ministers.

M. D. Fraser,
J. R. Gilland,
E. T. Buist,
D. Humphreys,
S. K. Talmage, D. D.
C. S. Dod,
E. P. Rogers,
F. Bowman.

Laymen.

J. D. Witherspoon,
William Adger,
J. A. Crawford,
W. L. Mitchell,
E. L. Newton,
Hon. G. E. Thomas.

DIRECTORS FOR TWO YEARS.

Ministers.

S. Donnelly,
J. Douglas,
J. H. Saye,
D. McQueen,
J. W. Reid,
G. H. W. Petrie,
John S. Wilson,
N. Hoyt, D. D.

Laymen.

Job Johnston,
J. N. Whitner,
G. W. Glenn,
D. C. Campbell,
A. L. Alexander,
William Shear.

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS

DIRECTORS FOR ONE YEAR.

T. Smyth, D. D.	G. T. Snowden,
B. M. Palmer,	Andrew Crawford,
D. McNeil Turner,	J. K. Douglass,
J. H. Thornwell, D. D.	E. A. Nisbet,
A. Church, D. D.	Barrington King,
N. A. Pratt,	H. V. Johnson,
R. Chamberlain,	
J. S. K. Axson.	

FACULTY.

Rev. Geo. Howe, D. D. Professor of Biblical Literature;
 Rev. A. W. Leland, D. D. Professor of Christian Theology;
 Rev. C. C. Jones, D. D. Professor of Church History and Polity.

MINUTES

Of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, held in Columbia, S. C. October 4, 1848.

COLUMBIA, S. C. Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1848. }
 7 o'clock, P. M. }

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia met, according to adjournment, in the Library of the Seminary, Rev. Dr. Jones presiding, and was opened with prayer.

PRESENT.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
C. C. Jones, D. D. President.	G. T. Snowden,
M. D. Fraser,	J. A. Crawford,
S. Donnelly,	A. Crawford.
J. Douglas,	
D. McQueen,	
B. M. Palmer.	

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and the following Committees were appointed.

Audits —Messrs. J. A. Crawford and G. T. Snowden.

Ways and Means.—Messrs. M. D. Fraser, J. A. Crawford, and G. T. Snowden.

Laws and Regulations.—Messrs. S. Donnelly and D. McQueen.

Library.—Messrs. J. Douglas and S. Donnelly.

Buildings.—Messrs. D. McQueen and G. T. Snowden.

The minutes of the Executive Committee for the year, together with their Annual Report, were presented and read. The reports also of the Treasurer; of Messrs. Snowden and Ewart, Investing Committee for the State of South Carolina; and of Messrs. Campbell and Reid, Investing Committee for the State of Georgia, were presented; which, together with the Report of the Executive Committee, were referred to the Committee of Audits.

The Report of the Professors was received, read, and referred, together with the Minutes of the Faculty, to the Committee on Laws and Regulations.

The Report of the Librarian was received, and referred to the Committee on the Library.

A communication was received from Rev. J. H. Saye, making certain suggestions to the Board, and assigning reasons for his absence from the sessions of the Board for the years 1846, 1847, and 1848. These reasons were sustained; and the remainder of the communication was referred to the Committee on Laws and Regulations.

A Communication from the Committee of the Synod of Alabama, addressed to the Board of Directors and to the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, relating to a nearer connection between said Synod and this Seminary, was read and referred to a special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Fraser, Palmer, J. A. Crawford, Donnelly, and McQueen.

A letter was also read from J. K. Douglass, assigning reasons of absence from the present sessions of the Board, which were sustained.

Closed with prayer, to meet to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock.

THURSDAY, October 5, 1848, }
11 o'clock, A. M. }

The Board met, according to adjournment, in the Library, and was opened with prayer.

The special Committee on the communication from the Synod of

Alabama, and the Committee on the reports of the Professors, presented severally their reports, which were accepted and put on the docket.

Board took recess till half-past 3 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, Oct. 5, 1848. }
3½ o'clock, P. M. }

The Board met. The Committee on the Library reported, recommending that the bill accompanying the Librarian's Report be paid from the Treasury, and stating that the Books and Library Room were well kept, and in a state of good preservation; the report was adopted.

The Committee on Laws and Regulations, to whom the Minutes of the Faculty were referred, reported, recommending that the same be approved, which report was adopted.

The Report of the Special Committee on the communication of the Synod of Alabama was taken up from the docket, and after some discussion was adopted, with a view to lay the subject of those negotiations in a definite form before the Synods, and is as follows:

"The Committee appointed to report upon a communication laid before this Board, from the Synod of Alabama, beg leave to submit the following.

Inasmuch as this Board esteem it very desirable and important to secure, more efficiently, the aid and co-operation of the Synod of Alabama, in behalf of our Theological Seminary, and as said Synod have, through their Committee, signified to us their willingness and desire to be more intimately connected with the institution under our care; therefore we recommend that this Board cordially reciprocate the kind feelings expressed by the Synod of Alabama towards our Seminary, and gratefully acknowledge the patronage which they have heretofore extended towards it; and that we respectfully suggest to the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia to communicate with the Synod of Alabama, upon this subject; and that they

1st. Lay before that Synod a full and accurate account of the present condition of the Seminary—its funds, library, buildings; its means and capabilities for imparting instruction; the expenses of students; the means it has for giving aid to indigent young men; with a concise account of its past history and future prospects.

2d. That they propose to the Synod of Alabama, that they select

some definite object pertaining to the efficiency and usefulness of the Seminary, and seek to have it accomplished in some such way as may seem to them most practicable and desirable. That in determining this object they be left to the exercise of their own judgment, after having spread before them the actual condition of our Seminary, and being thus furnished with the means of ascertaining what would be the most suitable object for them to undertake.

3d. That the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia respectfully suggest to the Synod of Alabama, for their consideration, some one of the following objects, viz: to endow a fourth Professorship; or to raise a fund for the enlargement and improvement of the present buildings, or for erecting new ones; or for establishing a charitable foundation for the support of indigent young men from their own bounds; or for increasing the library.

It being understood that all moneys raised in their bounds, or by their agency, be under the control, and applied according to the direction of their Synod. And should they undertake and succeed in raising the sum, say of fifteen thousand dollars, for any of these objects, above specified, then, in that case, they shall have a right to an equal voice in electing the Professors of the Seminary, with the other synods now associated in its support and management.

4th. That the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia be requested to appoint a delegate, or delegates, to attend the approaching sessions of the Synod of Alabama, to be held in January next, in the city of Mobile, and that they be requested to lay this subject before said Synod, and use their best endeavors to enlist their aid and co-operation, in some definite and efficient way, in behalf of our Seminary.

All which is respectfully submitted."

The Committee of Audits presented their Report on the Reports of the Treasurer, the Investing Committees from the States of South Carolina and Georgia, and of the Executive Committee, that from the vouchers furnished they were all correct; when said papers were committed to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Committee on Buildings offered their Report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Laws and Regulations presented their Report.

So much of it as related to the change of time of meeting of the Board was laid upon the table for the present, to allow opportunity for fuller conference with absent members of the Board. The remainder of the report was adopted.

The Committee of Ways and Means presented their Report, which was adopted.

All these Reports were then committed to the Secretary, with instructions to digest the usual Annual Report of the Board to the Synod.

The following officers were chosen for the next year :

G. T. SNOWDEN, *President*, in place of Rev. Dr. Jones, who resigned, in consequence of his election to Professorship.

Rev. S. DONNELLY, *Vice President*.

Rev. B. M. PALMER, *Secretary*.

WILLIAM LAW, *Treasurer*.

An Executive Committee was appointed, consisting of Rev. B. M. Palmer, Rev. Dr. Thornwell, William Law, G. T. Snowden, S. Crane, J. A. Crawford, and A. Crawford.

Rev. Drs. Howe and Leland, G. T. Snowden and W. Law, were re-appointed the standing Building Committee.

Messrs. S. Donnelly, M. D. Fraser, D. McQueen, J. K. Douglass and W. Adger, were appointed the Committee to attend the Examination of the Students in July next.

It was *resolved*, That the next Annual Meeting of the Board be held in Columbia, at the Library of the Seminary, on the Wednesday week preceding the meeting of the Synod of Georgia in 1849, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Board then adjourned, to meet at the call of the chair, during the Sessions of the Synod, at Bethesda Church, York District, to receive the Report to be presented to the Synods.

B. M. PALMER, *Secretary*.

BETHESDA CHURCH,
York District, Oct. 12, 1848. }

Board met at the call of the chair, a quorum being present; meeting was opened with Prayer, by Rev. S. Donnelly, Vice President. The Report to the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia was read and approved, and the Secretary was instructed to present the same to the two Synods respectively.

Adjourned with Prayer.

B. M. PALMER, *Secretary*.

REPORT

Of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, to the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, October, 1848.

I. PERMANENT FUNDS.

Invested in South Carolina, not including funds collected on account of 3d Professorship, as per Agent's Report, Oct. 4th, 1848.....	\$27,339 18
Invested in Georgia, as per Agent's report, September 30th, 1848.---	27,188 84
Total of Permanent Funds (old) in both States, not including scholarships,-----	\$54,528 02

II. SCHOLARSHIPS.

Invested in South Carolina.

1. Lanneau Scholarship, 44 shares of Union Bank stock, \$50 per share,-----	\$2,200 00
2. Scholarship of Congregational and Presbyterian Education Society, Charleston, 50 shares of Bank of South Carolina, \$45 per share,-----	2,250 00
3. Telfair Timothy Scholarship, not yet received,-----	
4. Ellison Legacy, 15 shares Broad River Bridge,-----	525 00
Invested in Georgia.	
1. Nephew Scholarship,-----	2,500 00—\$7,475 00

Total of old permanent funds in both States, including Scholarships,-----	\$62,003 02
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III. RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

Received from Georgia Investments,-----	\$2,065 73
Received from South Carolina Investments,-----	2,044 74
Received from Churches in South Carolina.	

Towards the Contingent Fund :

Rock Church,-----	\$ 7 50
Indian town Church,-----	7 00
Columbia Church,-----	62 95
	77 45

Total of receipts,-----	\$4,187 92
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Disbursed as follows:

Paid to Professors' Salaries, (part of which is old arrearages,)-----	\$3,905 75
Paid for Insurance and other Contingent Expenses,-----	153 43—\$4,059 18
Balance in the Treasury,-----	\$ 128 74

IV. CLAIMS UPON THE TREASURY.

Due on Professors' Salaries, Oct. 1st., 1848, \$	951 68
Librarian's account,---	17 00
Repairs and incidental expenses,--	30 17—\$ 998 85
Balance in Treasury to meet the above,-----	128 74
Deficit on 4th October, 1848,-----	\$ 870 11

V. CURRENT EXPENSES FOR 1849.

Salaries of 3 Professors, rated at \$2,000 00 each,-----	\$6,000 00
Contingent Expenses not estimated,-----	
To meet which: Funds in Georgia, \$27,188 84, at 7 per cent. per annum, will yield--	\$1,903 23
Dividends and interest on funds in South Carolina, \$27,339 18, estimated from last year's receipts.-----	1,904 74
Funds now invested and bearing interest on account of the new Professorship, will yield,-----	1,470 52—\$5,278 49
Deficiency as thus estimated, not including necessary Contingent Expenses,-----	\$ 721 51

VI. THE NEW FUND.

Whole amount of subscriptions in South Carolina,-----	\$35,463 63
Whole amount of subscriptions in Georgia,	9,015 00—\$44,478 63
Amount of first instalment received into the Treasury, less by \$326 65 than was reported last year, that sum being then in hands of Agent, and now incorporated with the 2d instalment,-----	\$14,877 07
Amount of 2d instalment received into the	

Treasury,-----	7,906 29—22,783 36
Leaving still to be collected of the whole subscription,-----	<u>\$21,695 47</u>
To this amount of subscriptions received in the Treasury (\$22,783 36) must be ad- ded as follows:-----	\$22,783 36
Old subscriptions from Greensboro', report- ed last year,-----	125 00
Camden Bank dividend, July 1847, report- ed last year,-----	395 50
Do. do. do. January and July 1848,-----	791 00
Bank of Charleston dividend, July 1848,--	48 00
Contribution from the Lambert estate, May 1848,-----	300 00—24,442 86
Disbursed as follows:	
Am't disbursed as per statement of last year, \$	3,077 10
Expenses incurred during year 1848,-----	49 62
226 shares Camden Bank stock, reported last year,-----	11,505 64
32 shares (new stock) Bank of Charleston,--	1,368 00
Temporary investment in notes on personal security,-----	4,774 48
Investments now in negotiation,-----	3,562 00
Balance in the hands of Treasurer,---	106 02—24,442 86
Interest accruing from these investments, toward the salary of the 3d Professor, as follows:	
Camden Bank dividends, January and Ju- ly, 1848,-----	\$ 791 00
Bank of Charleston dividend, July 1848,--	48 00
Camden Bank dividend, due 1st Jan., 1849,	395 50
Bank of Charleston dividend, due 1st Janu- ary, 1849,-----	48 00
Interest on notes, due 1st January, 1849...	212 56
Investments now in negotiation, which if made, will yield an interest on 1st Janu- ary, 1849, -----	<u>120 00—\$1,615 06</u>

Against this Fund lies the debt due on Mrs.

Hall's bond,----- \$ 6,522 43

Interest due from 29th April, 1846, on said

bond, to 1st January, 1849, two years and

eight months,----- 1,217 46--\$7,739 89

VII. LIBRARY.

There have been only two volumes added to the Library during the year past, making the whole number of volumes 4544; which are found well kept, and in a state of good preservation.

VIII. PROFESSORS' REPORT.

The Professors of the Theological Seminary present the following report:

1. The whole number of Students connected with the Seminary the past year has been nineteen, eighteen of whom have been present during the year.

IN THE SENIOR CLASS.

	<i>College.</i>	<i>Presbytery.</i>
Lafayette Girardeau,	Graduate of Charleston,	Candidate of Charleston,
Robert W. Hadden,	do. of Princeton,	do. of Tuscaloosa,
Arnold W. Hill,	do. of Charleston,	do. of Charleston,
Edward P. Palmer,	do. of Franklin,	do. of do.
Joseph D. Porter,		do. of Tuscaloosa,

IN THE MIDDLE CLASS.

Amos E. Chandler,	do. of Davidson,	do. of Harmony,
William H. Hall,	do. of Oglethorpe.	do. of Hopewell,
Thomas A. Hoyt,	do. of Franklin,	do. of do,
Archibald G. Johnson,	do. of Maryville,	do. of Flint River,
William Matthews,		do. of do.
Robert W. Reid,	do. of South Carolina,	do. of South Carolina,
Albert Shotwell,	of Gwinnett Institute,	do. of Flint River,
William H. Singletary,	do. of Davidson,	do. of Harmony,
Edward R. Ware,	do. of Ala. University,	do. of Tuscaloosa,

IN THE JUNIOR CLASS.

A. Enloe,	do. of Davidson,	do. of Bethel.
Joseph M. Quarterman,	do. of Oglethorpe,	
H. W. Rogers,	do. of Princeton,	do. of Tuscaloosa,
William B. Telford,	do. of South Carolina,	do. of South Carolina,
David Wills,	do. of Tuscaloosa,	do. of Holstein.

Of the Junior Class of last year, Mr. S. M. Blanchard was dismissed, to join the Theological Seminary at Andover, and Mr. B. L. Beall has been dismissed, at his own request, to study privately. Mr. Wm. H. Hall has not rejoined his class, but expects to do so the next term. Of the Senior Class, which left us in July last, Mr.

Edward P. Palmer was licensed at the spring sessions of the Presbytery of Charleston, and Messrs. Girardeau, Hadden, Miller and Porter, were expecting to apply for license at the fall sessions of Presbytery.

2. *Charitable Aid.*—Twelve of the above named students have been aided in their support, as follows: *two* have received from the Ladies of the 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, \$200 each; *five* have received from the Synodical Committee of Education, \$150 each; *four* have been aided, partly by the Scholarships, and partly by the Synodical Committee, to the amount of \$150 each; and *one* has received from the Ladies of the Presbyterian Church, Columbia, \$100.

3. *Benevolent Efforts.*—There has been more engaging in active efforts to promote the cause of Christ, during the past term, than some former years. Sabbath Schools have been maintained at several points, and religious meetings have been kept up at the Arsenal, at the Saluda Factory, occasionally in distant congregations at a distance, and once a month at Spring Hill, a distance of 20 miles from Columbia.

4. *General deportment, attention to studies, &c.*—We can generally speak well of the deportment of the students, and of their attention to study. There have been among them marked instances of studiousness, of discipline and developement of mind, and of success in the acquisition of knowledge.

As to the internal arrangements of study, and the character of the instructions given, which the Board has committed to our hands, we have no doubt there is room for improvement. This must depend much on our own industry and ability, and we hope, with the accession we now have in the department of Ecclesiastical History and Polity, we may be able to exhibit some improvement in the year to come. The departments of Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric, hitherto shared by the two Professors, who have been able to attend to them only in an imperfect manner, will suggest themselves to the Board of Directors, as perhaps requiring to be anew distributed among the three Professors, or otherwise provided for.

Signed, Dr. Leland being absent, alone by G. Howe.

The above statement, carefully digested from the reports made to the Board, sufficiently sets forth the financial and other interests of the Seminary. There are but two items in it which call for remark. It will be seen that while two-thirds of the new subscription were due on the 1st January last, yet, owing doubtless to the heavy pressure upon the market, little more than one-half has passed into the trea-

sury. All diligence will be used by the Board to collect the remainder, which becomes entirely due on 1st January, 1849. It is hoped that all concerned in this movement, both agents and subscribers, will earnestly combine to wind up the subscription during the next year; at least so far as may be practicable. After the last payment falls due, every day's delay in the collection only ensures loss, since the claim in that case so soon becomes obsolete. The necessity of payment too becomes imperative, now that an incumbent is placed upon the endowment, and consequently the interest from the sum already invested cannot accumulate.

The original debt on the bond of Mrs. Hall remains unpaid, and is increased nearly one-fifth by the interest upon it of almost three years. This is explained by the fact, that there is no person competent, in law, to receive, on the part of Mrs. Hall, either principal or interest. The Board in its own corporate capacity, and previously through its Executive Committee, has had this matter under advisement. As soon as the legal obstructions are removed, this debt will be cancelled from the first funds that shall accrue from the collections of next year. Meanwhile, the debt is set over against the new fund, which was raised with a special reference to its liquidation; and the interest, which cannot be paid to it, goes to the support of the 3d Professorship.

But the most important business which engaged the attention of the Board, at its late meeting, was the negotiation now pending with the Synod of Alabama, in relation to the Seminary. It will be remembered that in 1846, Rev. Dr. Howe, and in 1847, Rev. Mr. Porter, were appointed to visit and confer with the Synod of Alabama, with a view to secure its co-operation in support of this Institution. The result was the appointment of a committee by the Synod of Alabama, to correspond directly with the Board, and with the Synods on this subject. A letter from this committee, which as addressed to the Synod also, is doubtless before your body, was laid before the Board, expressing the kindly feelings of that Synod, and opening the way for some distinct proposition. Accordingly, in order that the whole subject might come before you with definite outline and in tangible shape, the Board agreed upon certain resolutions recommending the appointment of Delegates to attend the next meeting of the Synod of Alabama, to lay before them a full statement of all the affairs of the Seminary, and to invite them to select for themselves the particular mode in which they will make benefactions to it; and simply to render the negotiations definite, to sug-

gest, either that they create a 4th Professorship, with power to fill it, or else that they endow the Institution to some given amount, say \$15,000, and share with the two Synods of South Carolina and Georgia the right to elect in their turn to the existing Professorships as they become vacant.

The original resolutions of the Board will be laid before the Synods, not with a view to bias their decision, but simply to give form and feature to the entire subject; and the Board, being deeply impressed with the importance of this movement, as opening the way towards rallying the whole Southwest upon this Seminary, prays the Synod to regard it in the same light, and to further this negotiation in that manner which shall appear to them most happy and sure.

Measures have been taken by the Executive Committee to secure a full and accurate and permanent record of all subscriptions, old and new, ever made to the Seminary. The work is now in progress and will be reported, Providence permitting, at the next meeting of Synod.

The following persons go out this year of the direction :

Ministers.

S. K. Talmage, D. D.
C. C. Jones, D. D.
C. S. Dod,
Francis Bowman,
M. D. Fraser,
E. T. Buist,
D. Humphreys,
R. C. Ketchum.

Laymen.

W. L. Mitchell,
G. E. Thomas,
E. L. Newton,
J. D. Witherspoon,
Wm. Adger,
J. A. Crawford.

of which number, one-half—that is to say, four Ministers and three Laymen, are to be chosen at this meeting of Synod.

All which is respectfully submitted,

G. T. SNOWDEN, *President.*

B. M. PALMER, *Secretary.*

Report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions,

To the Synod of South Carolina, at its Session, held at Bethesda Church, in October, 1848.

The Committee of Foreign Missions have a double duty to perform in making their annual Report. It is their duty to present a statement of the doings of the Churches, and to make any suggestions deemed suitable, and to offer such observations as under a Divine blessing, may be of service in furthering zeal in the Missionary work.

As it regards the doings of the Synod, this will be made apparent from the Treasurer's Report herewith handed in, and from which it appears he has received from all sources, during the period extending from Oct. 21st., 1847, to Oct. 4th., 1848, the sum of \$2,169 $\frac{1}{4}$, which is nearly \$200 more than he reported last year.

Of this sum, \$167 is reported as coming from other Southern States, and \$2002 74 from South Carolina.

This, however, does not include all that has been forwarded to the general Treasury of our Church, and as we have a systematic digest received from the Mission House up to Sept. 24, it is here given.

Received by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, from the Synod of South Carolina, during the year October 1st., 1847, '48.

PRESBYTERY OF HARMONY.		PRESBYTERY OF BETHEL.	
Camden Church,	\$180.00	Hopewell Church,	\$6.10
Horeb "	13.50	Bethel "	31.50
Aimwell "	8.50	Fair Forest "	13.00
Hopewell, "	5.00	Cane Creek "	10.00
Mt. Olivet "	8.00	Yorkville "	182.00
Cheraw "	140.00	Yorkville & Bethesda,	73.00
Midway "	9.00	Purity,	27.00
Winnsboro' "	48.00	Ebenezer,	30.00
Lebanon, "	48.00	Unionville,	10.00
Salem (L. R.) Church,	10.00		—————\$382.60
Mount Zion "	58.00		
Concord "	20.00		
			548.00

PRESBYTERY OF CHARLESTON.		PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.	
Charleston, 2d Ch.,	\$798.32	Presbyterial Coll.,	\$123.18
Walterboro' "	135.00	Lebanon Church,	10.00
James Island "	31.00	Willington,	102.00
Columbia,	290.00	Bethany,	12.00
Beech Island,	28.00	Rock,	9.00
Stoney Creek,	49.00		256.18
			1,331.32
SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.—Harris' Neck Sewing Society,			7.00
			\$2,525.10
Mission House, New-York, Sept. 24, 1848.		J. M.	

It will thus appear from the statement, while there is an evident though small increase, that a great portion of the Churches yet fail to do anything for this work, and that many do very little in comparison with what they ought to do.

In accordance with the direction of Synod, a Circular letter was prepared and directed, post paid, to all the Ministers and ruling Elders of Synod. In the absence of any other agency, your Committee would recommend the continuance of some such efforts, and it has occurred to them, that among other means the separate publication and circulation of a sufficient number of the Missionary Report, at the expense of the Committee, together with any action of Synod had thereon, might prove serviceable.

Could our Presbyteries also be led to make this great subject a matter of regular and standing business, so as to inquire into the doings, or not doings, of every Church, and could they be induced to appoint some of their number to visit the vacant Churches, and endeavor to stir them up to a sense of their duty to Christ and His cause—the result could not be otherwise than propitious, and equally conducive to Spiritual prosperity, and the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

From the statement now made, it is apparent—as the facts connected with the Missionary efforts of the Church, in every portion of it, painfully confirm, that there is a most lamentable short coming in both THE PRINCIPLE AND THE PRACTICE of Christian liberality. Whether we judge of what is done for the cause of Christ, in obedience to His express and repeated command, by the ability of Christian professors, or by their expenditures for personal, family, and social blessings, we must come to the conclusion that they do not love Christ and His cause, (and Christ teaches us that what we do

or fail to do for this, is done or withheld from Him,) as much, or anything like as much, as they do the creature comforts of His bountiful Providence. And if, therefore, Christ has made it a test of true and unfeigned devotion to Him, that we love Him and His cause more than we do father, or mother, or wife, or husband, or children, or friends, or houses, or lands, then have we not reason to fear that many of those who profess His name, will hereafter say to Him, "Lord, Lord," to whom He will say "I never knew you." And is it not our duty, as the spiritual watchmen and teachers in Zion, to lift up a faithful and warning voice to our people, that they may not go down to the grave with a delusive hope, or if saved at all, find that "having sown sparingly, they will there reap sparingly."

Allow us, therefore, and that our exhortation may have more weight, chiefly in the language of the venerable Dr. Heugh, as not long since addressed to the Secession Church in Scotland, to press this subject upon the attention of our brethren and fellow Christians.

To every human being salvation is the one thing needful. There is no other object to which the desires and efforts of men can be directed to be compared with this one. Before the greatness of present and future salvation, every thing else, attainable by man, dwindles into littleness and utter insignificance. A man unsaved is lost. Whatever he may himself delusively imagine, he is an alien from God, under the dominion of Satan and sin, condemned already, and exposed every instant to be hurried into that world where he shall experience "everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord." A saved man is lost no more; he is united with the Lord Jesus, is justified by faith, and has peace with God through Christ; there is no condemnation to him, and he shall not perish but have everlasting life.

That which should chiefly be sought by every man, for himself first, and next for others, is salvation. In itself, and for its own sake, salvation merits this preference in the desires and pursuits of men: and the divine authority imposes on all an obligation to such preference. In the divine reckoning it is not only more unwise but more criminal and wicked, to neglect the great salvation, than to neglect our health, or to allow our temporal affairs to run to ruin; nor is the divine authority interposed in the Scripture with greater solemnity and awfulness, upon any subject of which revelation treats, than the duty of man to accept the salvation of God. Nor is any one exempted from seeking the salvation of others, by prayer and effort. The moral law, the obligation of which no man can set

aside, any more than he can dissolve his relation with God, or overturn his throne and universal government, binds every man to love his neighbor as he loves himself, and therefore to seek the spiritual and eternal happiness of others, (to which salvation is indispensable,) as he seeks his own.

Christianity assumes that we are to make any required sacrifices, however great, for our own salvation and that of others. As to our own salvation, what necessary sacrifice are we permitted to spare? The first thing the saved man is brought to, is this very hard and difficult duty, to *deny himself*, no matter what this may involve. Prejudices, the most favorite, the most strongly cherished pride, the most dominant passions and habits, must all be sacrificed. The old man must be put off—the flesh crucified—the offending eye plucked out, otherwise Discipleship is unattainable. On the same principle, whatever sacrifice is necessary, in order to extend salvation to others, of time or energy or money, must be made, otherwise the salvation of others is neglected, an evil inferior only to the neglect of our own.

In particular, Christianity requires the sacrifice of property, when this is called for, either from regard to our own salvation, or to that of others. In the first age, the Christians were brought to the test at once. Their Saviour taught them, if they were not willing to forsake all and follow him, they could not be his Disciples. And on these terms were the first converts brought to Christ, and the first Churches formed. The first converts had to choose whether to receive and confess Christ at the hazard, not of property only, but even of life; and they were enabled to make the choice with decision. The faith of the Gospel brought them at once to this just and reasonable yet heroic self-denial. The belief of this one fact, that Emanuel had sacrificed himself for their eternal salvation, made them heartily willing to sacrifice their worldly all for him. With this faith dwelling in them, accompanied with the hope of eternal life, through Christ, any sacrifice they could make became natural and easy. The first Christians, therefore, braved every storm of persecution, suffered the loss of all things, rejoiced when they were counted worthy to suffer for Christ; and took joyfully the spoiling of their goods, knowing in themselves that they had in Heaven a better and an enduring substance. And see how lightly they were taught to estimate any sacrifice necessary to advance the cause of Christ, and extend to the perishing the means of salvation! Look at our Lord's commission. There is something scarcely less strik-

ing in what it omits than in what it enjoins. "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations," is his high appointment. But no notice is taken of the sacrifices which compliance with this appointment required. To go and teach all nations, it was necessary to break the ties of country and of kindred—to brave perils by sea and by land, perils from robbers, perils from climate and disease, perils from the incensed enemies of the Gospel; and to put life itself constantly in jeopardy. Yet these sacrifices are taken no account of when Christ's authority is interposed, and the salvation of the world is the object! What, then, would the sacrifice of property be thought of, when such higher sacrifices are so lightly esteemed? And in what other light would that professor of Christianity, who should have objected to the expense necessary to the evangelization of the world, have been regarded, than an unconverted man, in whom not the love of Christ but money still reigned, and who, though a Christian in name, was an idolater in heart, the slave of that covetousness which is idolatry?

Now, then, let us consider for a moment what have we done? Let us try our feelings and practices by those tests which primitive times, which the Scriptures, supply. Here, indeed, is a lamentation, and it must be for a lamentation. We shall say nothing of the great mass of this nation called Christian, who, up to this hour, have done nothing whatever for the spiritual benefit of the world. We shall say nothing of those whom importunity, not conviction or inclination, has induced to do a little; but who are not ashamed to give their dollars to their luxuries or their vices, and their cents to Christ. We shall look to Christian Churches, and to those only of our own communion. Ask, then, has there been diffused among our people a sense of the obligation, resting upon them individually, each to do what he can, in order to "teach all nations," according to the express appointment of the head of the Church? Have they been brought to feel individually in this manner, "next to my own salvation, the chief thing I have to seek after is the salvation of others?" Have they felt that until the world be taught, according to the command of the Saviour, no practicable measure of thought, prayer, effort and pecuniary sacrifices, should be withheld, that Christ may be obeyed and honored, and the world may be saved? Have the Ministers of the Gospel felt the importance of having their own hearts impressed with these truths—of laboring in season and out of season, to impress them on those to whom they minister, and to whom they must not shun to declare the whole counsel of God—of

persevering with growing ardour in their preaching, and in their prayers, to endeavor to arouse every member of their flocks to the discharge of their duty to Christ, and to the world—above all, of doing that without which preaching will be vain, and prayer presumptuous, setting an example to those to whom they are bound to be exemplary, of reducing to practice in their own conduct the doctrines they expound, and the precepts they inculcate?

To these questions, it is to be feared, we must return a negative answer, to our sin and our shame. And what have been the unavoidable results? As to pecuniary exertions, in very many cases a congregation has not done more collectively than some one individual in that congregation might have done with ease. For a great while the amount collected by all our congregations for missionary purposes, scarcely exceeds what one congregation might have afforded. Individuals have lavished far larger sums on frivolous or positively injurious indulgences, than they have been induced to consecrate to this cause of the Redeemer.

And upon the whole, it has come to pass, that the world has been perishing, and we have left it to perish; that the Lord has been lavishing his talents upon us, and in place of using them as a trust committed to us by Him, and for His cause, we have been laying them up in the earth, or using them for selfish purposes of our own; and that while He has been enjoining us to teach and to save the nations, we have remained indolent and inactive, insensible to the duty prescribed, and the high honor held out to animate us.

We know not what measure of compunction we ought to feel for these things. This is no season for excusing ourselves, or for criminalizing others. Let each inquire "What have I done?" Let each, like the publican, smite upon his breast and say, "God be merciful to me a sinner." We have been verily guilty respecting our brethren; we have seen the world in need of the bread of life, and we have shut up our bowels of compassion; we have dwelt at ease in our own ceiled houses, while the spiritual house of our God has been desolate; we have done nothing, comparatively with our means, to rouse the Churches; nothing to save the world. The poor heathen send to us the cry of their helplessness; and as they pine in unsoothed sorrow under their many ills, and go down to the grave without one ray of light to cheer them, they pour forth the heart-rending cry of their misery, "Oh come over to us and help us!" and we shut our ears and remain unmoved. Blood guiltiness is most certainly upon us. From His throne in Heaven the God of

our mercies looks down upon us with displeasure. Well may each penitent among us adopt the words of Ezra, "O my God, I am ashamed, I blush to lift up my face to thee, my God;" for our iniquities are increased over our heads, and our trespass has gone up unto the Heavens. Since the day of our fathers, have we been in a great trespass unto this day. Well may we offer David's prayer, "Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation; and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. Then shall I teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto thee."

Are we indeed contrite? Then may we address you in the words of the Baptist, "Bring forth, therefore, fruits meet for repentance." We do trust that this is your purpose; for if after all we have heard and said and professed; if after all our addresses in the name and from the word of God, and all our confessions and petitions, presented to his throne, we remain the same; and if there be no congregational, no domestic, no personal improvement, then can we fail to tremble for the results? Were our Churches thoroughly roused, these prayers would be largely answered, "God be merciful to us, and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee, O God, let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him." In the name, then, of perishing millions, in the name of the exalted Redeemer, we implore you to "hasten to bring forth fruit meet for repentance."

But it may be asked, what does it become us to do? It is not for us to dictate to any one. But we may be permitted to lay before you some suggestions. In the first place, no large surrender of property is called for, much less the sacrifice of the whole. We are not placed by Providence in those circumstances in which all must be given up for the sake of conscience and of Christ; and we are not called upon to make those sacrifices which the occurrence of such circumstances would demand of every consistent follower of the Lord Jesus. But, in the next place, we are always placed under obligation to *devise liberal things* for the cause of the Redeemer, and of men; we are never exempt from the obligation of those most reasonable maxims to which no enlightened conscience can object, *to do what we can*, to give as the Lord hath prospered us. We may add, that if some slight inconvenience should be experienced by us,

some slender comfort denied, some small sacrifice submitted to, in order to replenish the missionary treasury, to this we should submit with the utmost cheerfulness; happy if by such inconsiderable privations the great object can be gained. This surely must be acknowledged to be the very mildest form in which we can state our existing obligations.

Should it be objected, that in these exertions for missions, we are in danger of overlooking our weak congregations at home? We reply, were this to happen it would be exceedingly criminal. But it will not happen; for it will invariably be found, that the individuals and congregations who are most liberal in their contributions to missions, are also the most liberal to their poor brethren; and that an increase of liberality towards the former will be accompanied with an increase toward the latter.

But we must have done. There is one other thought which, with great submission, we leave with you. Suppose, through ignorance, and the blinding power of selfishness and habit, we have been living sinfully; that by our course of life we have been injuring others; and that we have discovered our error, and arrived at a better state of mind. A question would in this case arise, should we content ourselves with merely avoiding our errors for the future? or should we not also make some reparation, if we can, for the past? This we know, when the publican Zaccheus was visited by Christ, and when "salvation came to his house," he not only surrendered a large proportion of his property as a token of his penitence, and a thank offering to his deliver; he not only determined to amend in future, but also to make ample reparation for the past. "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation"—What then? I will do so no more? No. That is supposed, but he looks backwards as well as forward—"I will restore him fourfold." Oh what if we have been robbing God of His offering, in time past! What if we have been keeping souls in spiritual penury, by withholding from the spiritual treasury! What if the accumulated gains of many professors of religion include gifts which God gave them to devote to His cause, but which they have selfishly and unjustly kept back! Oh if the spirit of the convert Zaccheus were to animate our Churches, and especially their more affluent members, we should not need to warn them in the words of the Apostle, "Go to, now, ye rich men, weep and howl for the miseries that shall come upon you!" We should see them taking just revenge upon themselves;

we should behold them bringing all the tithes into the store house, and proving the Lord herewith; we should be gladdened with the descending blessing, till there should not be room to receive it; and the question should no longer be, where shall we find funds with which to support missionaries at home and in foreign lands? but, where shall we find right hearted men to go for us?

THE SOUTHERN BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

In account with James Adger, Treasurer.

1847.					
Oct. 21.	By cash,	through Rev. Mr. Hughes,	from Beach Island Church.....	12 00	
" "	" "	" "	Rev. Mr. Logan, from Horeb Church, 13 50		
			Aimwell Church.. 8 50		
				22 00	
" 22,	" "	" "	Mr. W. P. McFadden, from Hopewell Church Sabbath School.....	5 00	
" 25,	" "	" "	Mr. James E. Caldwell, from the Mount Olivet Foreign Missionary Society...	8 00	
" 28,	" "	" "	Mr. J. T. K. Axson, from the Harris' Neck Sewing Society, for the Chinese Mission.....	7 00	
Nov. 1,	" "	" "	Monthly Concert collection, Second Presbyterian Church.....	27 00	
" 8,	" "	" "	through Mr. J. B. Bull, monthly collection Willington Church.....	20 00	
" 27,	" "	" "	Mr. Wm. Law, from the children of the Beaverdam Sabbath School of Bethel Church, York District.....	10 00	
Dec. 6,	" "	" "	Monthly Concert collection, Second Presbyterian Church, 4 Dec.....	20 00	
" "	" "	" "	through Rev. Thomas Smyth, as follows:		
			Balance of quarterly collection of the Juvenile Missionary Society, Second Presbyterian Church.....	51 67	
			Collection of the African Missionary Soc. of 2d Pres. Church, Charleston, S. C.....	144 23	
				195 90	
" 17,	" "	" "	a letter dated "Pickens County, Ala." from a Lady, a friend to missions.....	10 00	

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Jan. 3.	By cash,	Monthly Concert collection, Second Presbyt'n Church, 2d Jan. for the Mission in Africa,	45 50
" "	" "	through Messrs. M. and W. Cumming—contribution from the Bryan Co. Church, Ga...	45 00
" 7,	" "	through Messrs. Robinson and Caldwell, from Capt John Blair of — York.....	50 00
" 8,	" "	from the African Missionary Society of the Second Presbyterian Church, Charleston—	
		Collection at Church, Dec. 28, 1847...34 07	
		" prayer meet'g, 2d Jan. '48,. 9 13	
		" at Lecture R'm " " 1 46	
		From W. B. Clark and wife..... 2 00	
		" Luther'n Ch. thro' Mr. Yeadon, 13 00	
			<hr/> 59 66
" 11,	" "	through Rev. E. Palmer, from the Ladies' Missionary Working Society of Walterboro'....	45 00
" 19,	" "	through Jos. A. Enslow, Treasurer, collections in the Glebe street Church, in November and January.....	20 60
" 24,	" "	balance of quarterly collection of the Juvenile Missionary Society of 2d Presbyterian Ch..	60 00
Feb. 4,	" "	through Rev. Mr. Pearson, fm Midway Church..	9 00
" "	" "	Monthly Concert collection, 2d Presbyterian Ch. 30th January.....	32 00
" 11,	" "	through Mr. H. Cameron, collection of Hopewell Church, for the Gaboon Mission of Western Africa.....	53 88
" 14,	" "	through Rev. Mr. Porter, from Stony Creek Ch. Beaufort District, as follows—	
		Donation of a Lady. 7 00	
		Collections from three monthly concerts.....12 00	
		Juvenile Missionary Society....30 00	
			<hr/> 49 00
" 15,	" "	through Mr. P. E. Bishop, from the Churches of Yorkville and Bethesda, to be appropriated to printing of Bibles, Tracts, &c. by the Missionaries in Northern India.....	70 00
" "	" "	through Mr. J. B. Bull, monthly concert in Wilington Church.....	20 00
" "	" "	through do. private donation of P. Gaillebean, Esq.....	2 00
" 18,	" "	through Mr. P. E. Bishop, of Yorkville, an additional contribution, to be appropriated with preceding funds.....	1 00
" 26,	" "	contribution from Dr. James Morrow.....	2 00
Mar. 7,	" "	through Mr. John F. Matheson, monthly concert collection, Presbyterian Church, Cheraw,	30 00

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Mar. 7,	By cash, monthly concert collection, 2d Presbyterian Ch.	
	5th March.....	34 25
" 15,	" " through Rev. M. D. Fraser, as follows—	
	Monthly concert Presbyterian Church, Winnsboro'	46 50
	By a child six years old—proceeds of her own labor.....	1 50
		48 00
" 18,	" " through Rev. E. Cater, as follows—	
	From Ladies' Benevolent Society, Leba- non Church, Fairfield District...	21 00
	From Lebanon Church, Fairfield District	13 00
	From Salem (L. R.) Church do.	10 00
		44 00
April 1,	" " through Mr. John Workman, Treasurer, collec- tion of Bethesda Church, Camden.....	100 00
" 8,	" " through Rev. J. S. K. Axson, for the support of Rev. R. Q. Way, in China, viz—	
	From the Female Missionary Society of Midway Church.....	58 50
	Monthly concert collection of the Congregational Ch. Jonesville, 16	50
		75 00
" " "	" " monthly concert collection, 2d Presbyterian Ch.	
	2d April.....	22 25
" 19,	" " through Rev. E. Cater, collections of Lebanon Church, Fairfield District.....	14 00
" " "	" " through Mr. John F. Matheson, from Mount Zion Church, Harmony Presbytery.....	58 00
" 20,	" " through Gen. S. R. Chandler and Jas. D. McFad- den, Deacons of Concord Church, (Har- mony Presbytery,) from Mrs. L. Mc- Fadden	10 00
	Do. R. R. Durant	10 00
		20 00
" 29,	" " through Rev. J. R. Baird, from Hopewell Church, Bethel Presbytery.....	6 10
May 1,	" " through Law and Drennan, from Mr. J. D. P. Currence, Treasurer Bethel Benevolent Association, York District.....	21 50
" 6,	" " through Mr. A. O. Norris, Treasurer of Foreign Missions of Presbytery of So. Ca. viz—	
	From Financial Committee at New- berry C. H. at the Fall session of Presbytery, 1847.....	7 34
	From a female member of Lebanon Ch. by Rev. J. A. Gibert.....	10 00

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From Financial Committee at Liberty Spring Church, at Spring session of Presbytery, 1848..... 115 84

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May 8,	By cash, monthly concert, 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, 7th May.....	26 50
" 9,	" " through Mr. Wm. Aldrich, as follows— Monthly concert, Presbyterian Church, St. Mary's.....10 00 General collections, Pres. Ch. St. M. 4 00 Sunday Sch. collect'ns " " thro' J. Stewart, superintend't...11 00	25 00
" 11,	" " through Mr. J. B. Bull, collection of monthly concert, Willington Church, Abbeville.....	20 00
" "	" " through Mr. J. H. Saye, collection of Cane Creek Church, Union District.....	10 00
" 15.	" " through Rev. Thos. Smyth, quarterly collection, Juvenile Missionary Society 2d Presbyterian Church.....	48 50
" 19,	" " through Mr. P. E. Bishop, of Yorkville, "for printing and circulating the Bible in Northern India, from a friend who wishes to remain unknown".....	50 00
June 5,	" " through Mr. J. S. Bird, monthly concert collection, 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, 4th June.....	24 14
" 21,	" " through Mr. J. T. Anderson, collection of Ebenezer Church, York District.....	30 00
" 24,	" " through Rev. W. L. Hughes, collection at monthly concert, Beach Island Church.....	10 00
July 3,	" " through Messrs. Robinson and Caldwell, from Capt. John Blair.....	50 00
" 5,	" " through Mr. John S. Bird, monthly concert collection, 2d Presbyterian Church, 2d July...	14 96
" 6,	" " through Mr. J. B. Bull, collections monthly concert, Willington Church.....	20 00
" 10,	" " through Rev. T. Smyth, quarterly collection, Juvenile Missionary Society 2d Presbyterian Church.....	35 60
Aug. 14,	" " from monthly concert collection 2d Presbyterian Church, in Charleston.....	16 00
" " " "	through Rev. Ed. Palmer, from Presbyterian Ch., Walterborough, for Foreign Missions, viz. From Ladies Working Society..30 00 " monthly collections.....25 00 " Sabbath School..... 5 00	60 00

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Sept. 4,	By cash,	Monthly concert collection 2d Pr�sbyterian Church,	28 00
" 12,	" " "	through Rev. J. Douglass, James Island Presbyte-	
		rian Church.....	27 12
" 22,	" " "	David Milling, from R. Mason, of Miss...	5 00
" 23,	" " "	S. Crane, being amount monthly concert	
		collection, Presbyterian Church, Colum-	
		bia.....	100 00
Oct. 2,	" " "	Rev. J. B. Adger, two months' collection	
		colored congregation, Charleston.....	5 00
" " " "	" " "	Rev. Thos. Smyth, annual collection, 2d	
		Presbyterian Church.....	56 10
			<hr/>
			\$2,169 74

APPROPRIATED—AS FOLLOWS.

1847.

Dec. 11. To paid Executive Committee's order "for the amount paid for the expenses of Wm. Thos. Catto and family, from Nov. 1846, to Dec. 1847"..... 180 23

1848.

Jan. 5, To paid Executive Committee's order "for amount expenses of Wm. Thos. Catto and family, on their way to Africa, as Missionaries, by provision and agreement of Synod"..... 241 00

" 6, To paid Executive Committee's order for additional expenses of clothes and outfit of W. T. Catto and family..... 34 66

" 18, To paid Executive Committee's order for amount of W. T. Catto's house rent, in Columbia..... 20 00

Aug. 15, To paid printing and postages, for circulars, by order of Synod..... 32 00

Sept. 19, To paid expenses incurred by Rev. Thos. Smyth, for Missionary purposes..... 12 00

Oct. 4, To paid Executive Committee's order to remit the balance in hand, to the Treasury, New York, remitted in James Adger & Co.'s draft on Brown, Bros. & Co. New York, in fav. of Rev. Daniel Wells, Treasurer, at sight, for \$1,639 60—5-8 p. c. prem.....1,649 85

\$2,169 74

JAMES ADGER, Treas'r.

Charleston, S. C. Oct. 4th, 1848.

We have examined the above accounts, and found them correct.

WM. ROBINSON.

W. C. DUKES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education for the Ministry, respectfully report to Synod, that there have been twelve Beneficiaries under their care during the present year, who have received, generally, the sum of \$150 each.

The appropriations for this purpose amount to the gross

sum of.....	\$1,950 00
Balance due the Treasurer at the date of last report,--	477 04
Interest on money advanced,.....	29 54

Total of disbursements,.....	\$2,456 58
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The receipts into the Treasury have been as follows:

Income of the Lawrence Scholarship,---	\$125 00
Do. do. Charleston do. ---	110 00
Do. do. Nephew do. ---	
Do. do. Ellison Legacy,-----	52 50
Total from Scholarships,-----	287 50

Ladies Education Society, Midway Church,

Liberty county, Ga.-----	87 00
Total from Churches not in this Synod,-----	87 00

Contributions of Salem Church, Little River, \$ 113 50

Do. of Lebanon Ch., Jackson's Cr.,	281 10
Do. of Ladies Ed. Society, of do.	43 00
Do. of Horeb,-----	15 25
Do. of Aimwell, . . .-----	13 50
Do. of Columbia Church,-----	215 00
Do. of Camden Church,-----	50 00
Do. of Cheraw,-----	32 05
Do. of Ladies Ed. So. of 2d Church,	
Charleston,-----	450 00
Do. of Rock Church,-----	24 00
Do. of Darlington,-----	25 00
Do. of Glebe-street, Charleston,---	17 00

Do.	of Liberty Springs,-----	11 00
Do.	of Salem, B. River,-----	30 00
Do.	of Hopewell Church,-----	15 00
Do.	of Presbytery of So. Carolina,--	12 00
Do.	of Capt. John Blair, Yorkville,	50 00
Total of contributions from the Churches of the Synod of South Carolina, to the Com- mittee of Education,-----		\$1,397 40
Total of receipts from all sources,-----		\$1,771 90
Leaving us indebted to our Treasurer in the sum of-----		\$ 684 68

There have been other sums contributed for this purpose, and other beneficiaries aided, besides those which are named in the books of the Treasurer of the committee. A more complete view of the efforts of the Synod in this department of benevolence will appear in the following statement.

The Presbytery of South Carolina report two candidates and four beneficiaries of the Committee.

The following Churches have contributed to the Treasury of the Synodical Committee, viz:

Rock Church,-----	\$ 24 00
Liberty Spring,-----	11 00
Hopewell,-----	15 00
Church unknown,-----	12 00
Paid into the hands of the Education Committee during the present meeting of Synod, from the Ladies Society of Rock Church, and Woodville,-----	
	50 00
Total,-----	\$ 112 00

The Presbytery of Bethel report five candidates and three beneficiaries under their care, one of whom has received assistance from the Synodical Committee, and two from the Presbytery.

The contributions of this Presbytery to this cause the past year have been as follows:

From Capt. John Blair, Yorkville,-----	\$ 50 00
From the several Churches,-----	150 00
In all,-----	\$ 200 00

" This Presbytery allows \$100 per annum to its beneficiaries, and

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has a standing rule to appropriate its monies to beneficiaries only while pursuing their preparatory course, supposing they can accomplish most for the interests of religion in this way, leaving their graduates to teach before resorting to the Seminary."

The Presbytery of Harmony report candidates beneficiaries, and the following contributions, viz:

Church at Cheraw,-----	\$ 32 05
" at Darlington,-----	25 00
" at Mount Zion,-----	16 00
" at Little Pee Dee,-----	5 00
" at Salem, Little River,-----	113 50
" at Lebanon,-----	324 10
" at Horeb,-----	15 25
" at Aimwell,-----	13 50
" at Camden,-----	50 00
" at Salem, B. River,-----	30 00

Whole amount contributed by the Presbytery
of Harmony,----- \$ 624 40

The Presbytery of Charleston report for the last year, two candidates, 7 beneficiaries, and the following sums contributed, viz:

Church in Columbia,-----	\$ 215 00
Ladies Sewing Society, do.-----	100 00
2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston,--	1000 00
Ladies Ed. Society, do. -	450 00
Glebe street,-----	17 00

Total contributed by the Presbytery of Charleston,----- \$1,732 00

Total contributed by Churches within the
bounds of the several Presbyteries,----- 2,258 40
Accruing from other sources, and received in-
to the Treasury of the Synodical Committee,----- 374 50
Total from all sources, for the Education of
candidates for the ministry,----- 2,632 90

Recapitulation.

Candidates under the care of Presbyteries,-----
Beneficiaries of Committee, Presbyteries and Churches.. 17 .

Amount contributed for this object by our own people,-- \$2,258 40

Amount received from Scholarships,-----	287 50
From Churches beyond our bounds,-----	87 00

Total received in this Synod,-----	\$2,632 90
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Present debt of the Education Committee,-----	\$684 68
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The Committee have used all efforts, except the employment of special agencies, to liquidate the debt which has been incurred.

In December last, Circulars were sent to every Pastor and Session within the bounds of Synod, containing an extract from the Minutes of this body, and the resolutions enjoining a collection to be taken up on the 2d Sabbath in January, or at as early a day as practicable. But so far as any returns have been made to us, only 20 out of 99 Churches connected with this Synod, have obeyed the injunction of this body. Our debt, therefore, has not diminished, but increased. The hearts of our brethren in Christ seem to have been closed, their bowels of compassion shut up, against their young brethren in need, whom God has called to the ministry of reconciliation, and who have broken off from those ordinary pursuits in life, by which a subsistence is obtained, to devote themselves to the toilsome preparation which is required for the Ministry of the Gospel. The State educates freely those who seek a preparation for public service, and it is the height of honor to be so educated. The Church should educate with a more spontaneous promptness, those who without means of their own, God calls to her service. To do so is not charity but *justice*. Your Committee have served the Synod, being annually appointed, for nearly eleven years. They have aided no one who was not under the care of some Presbytery, and respecting whom they did not have satisfactory testimony of inability to support themselves. During this period, about 75 young men have been so aided, the larger share of whom are now in the ministry. Some of the noblest men, most high minded, talented and successful in this and our sister Synod, have been so aided. What has been done, has all been done, except for a few months, in the commencement of our efforts, without stationed agents, and without expense. We respectfully ask of Synod what course their committee that may hereafter be appointed shall now adopt. All means used for the last two years by us, have failed to meet the demands upon us, and to free us from debt. Shall we resort to salaried agencies again, and support a man and his family, that he may raise for us the small sum needed for this purpose? Of the churches' ability, there can be no doubt. Ten cents

per member would free us from our present debt, and 37½ cents per member would raise us all the funds we need. The Churches of Salem, L. R., and Lebanon, under one pastoral charge, in the Presbytery of Harmony, have raised in the past year, nearly sufficient to sustain three beneficiaries at \$150 per annum, and the 2nd Church in Charleston has sustained six beneficiaries, at an expense of \$1000. The whole subject is respectfully submitted, with the Treasurer's Report, to the disposition of Synod.

